

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 303 - SB 1191**

February 19, 2017

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (POST) to provide additional training standards and requirements for universities, colleges, community colleges, colleges of applied technology, and any other education institutions in this state for the purpose of training police recruits or police officers.

Authorizes the POST to obtain a set of fingerprints for any person hired as a police officer or enrolled as a police recruit in an approved recruit training program and to submit the set of fingerprints to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) for a criminal history records check and subsequently, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for a national criminal history check.

Replaces July 1, 1983, with July 1, 2017, after which date any police recruit must enroll in an approved recruit training program. Eliminates the current time period of one year in which police recruits must enroll in such training program, and establishes that such enrollment must occur within six months of the date of employment.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

**Assumptions:**

- Based on information provided by the Department of Commerce and Insurance, any impact resulting from providing additional training standards and requirements to higher educational institutions for the purpose of training officers and recruits is estimated to be not significant.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 38-8-106, it is currently a requirement for any police officer in this state to have a set of fingerprints on file with the TBI.
- TBI charges \$32.65 to conduct background checks. TBI communicates with the FBI for national criminal history record checks.
- Authorizing the POST to permissively require police recruits to provide a set of fingerprints is estimated to result in no significant increase in fingerprints required of officers and officer recruits, respectively by the POST Commission or the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy (TLETA).

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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